## YOUNG CLUB BOY PLOWING THE CORN |

Eight-Year-Old Corn Grower Is Busy in Cumberland-Where's His Equal?

I think I saw the very youngest corn club boy in the country the other day, when I was up in Cumberland County. He is only eight years old, but he joined the Boys' Corn Club that County Demonstrator W. M. Corson organized in Cumberland, and did it somewhat against the protest of his parents, who thought he was too young and too small to attempt the cultiva-tion of an acre of corn under the strict rules laid down by the demon-strators. But the little fellow was persistent, thought he knew his own busi-ness pretty well; in the end had his way, and finally Charles R. Sanderson, Jr., was enrolled as a member of the Cumberland County Boys' Corn Club.

His little acre was laid off and he went to work on it according to instructions. He has done all of the work so far on this acre, positively refusing to allow his big brothers or admiringly upon that acre the other day it looked to me as if it is going to be a prize acre of mighty good corn. I saw the little fellow plowing in corn that was about three times as tall as he was, and the way he was managing the mule that pulled the plow was a sight to behold. I tried to take a snap shot of the little fellow as he plowed away over his acre, but he wouldn't stand still, said he had to finish the job before night and had not the time to wait for me to level a kodak at him and his mule. I then tried to get him in motion, but made a failure.

5. C., to Rockingham, N. C., about twenty-one miles, which will include five trestles.

The Winston-Salem Journal says: "Greater Winston-Salem will probably show as big, if not a bigger, increase in the value of taxable property this year, in comparison with last year, than any other city in North year, than any other city in North
Carolina. The figures for WinstonBalem just completed, show that the
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aggregate value of real and personal aggregate value of real aggregate value of real aggregate value of real aggregate value of (not including bank stock and corporincluding bank stock and corporexcess) is \$16,168,284, the increase upon the variety to be kept.

Do not attempt more than one variety

over last year being \$2.141,203."

this rosy report: seasons the corn is very promising, and the conditions will have to change the probability first season beginning this way with first season beginning this way with twenty or even fewer good hears, by the in-

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CENT INTEREST.



ers of pure-bred stock. They are often engaged in advance, and early in the season the eggs are often infertile where large flocks are kept. The price, season the eggs are where large flocks are kept. The price, where large flocks are kept. Therefore, I too, is a consideration. Therefore, think this is decidedly the cheapes and surest way to begin.

The Purc-Bred the Best. in Winston-Salem for 1913 and breeding stock to others later on

to begin with. Better buy a small flock The Alamance County Gleaner makes of nigh quality than a greater number of inferior, undersized or inbred fowls. "The farmers in this section have at any price. Then a month before the reason to be in good heart. Their incubator is started, purchase a male wheat crop is fine, better than for some variety, but different strain, for every twenty hens, of the best blood that of last year. With the good seasons the corn is very promising, and if you can afford it, a well-grown cock-

of a very much larger crop than of last year. In addition to the increased yield of wheat and the prospectively larger corn crop, the prices will no doubt rule higher, inasmuch as the latest reports sent out by the government indicate a shortage of over 29,000,000 bushels in wheat and about this purpose, but it is not safe to depend on them, as they will not become pend on them, as they will not become broody when wanted early in the sea-son. February, March, April and May are the hatching months. Do not con-tinue placing eggs for incubation in this climate after the middle of May. There is less loss among the early hatching chicks.

Better buy a machine of reliable make at the beginning, because if the flock is going to be increased to any extent the machine will certainly be used after the first season.

In running an incubator, follow the maker's directions to the letter; do not try to improve on them. Then, if your eggs are fertile and your flock healthy, the hatch should be about as good as with hens. But remember, very early in the season, especially during or after snow or stormy weather, when the flock is confined, many eggs may be infortile. The next hatch will be all

# **GREAT PROGRESS**

is cashler, does a very large and safe is cashler. Right around in the courthouse neighborhood an extensive dairy business. Right around in the courty is going to lay the tobacco-growing abusiness in Cumberland County is going to lay the tobacco-growing business entirely in the shade. There are within a short distance of the courthouse six dairy farms that are doing a splendid business shipping tream to Richmond and Lynchburg via the Tidewater and Western Railway and its connections. These dairy farms are new, but already they average from they bring to the county every month from \$800 to \$1,000 of good Richmond and Lynchburg money.

The County Generally.

Taking the industries of the county as a whole it may be said that the lumber and tobacoc interests predominate, while there are extensive milling interests scattered about. There are interests scattered about. There are thought and several extensive planing interests scattered about. There are extensive milling interests scattered about. There are thought and several extensive planing interests scattered about. There are the struck me as a good sign of the county and several extensive planing operators and planing-mill men.

They take the timber right from the stump and heaver stop with it until it appears in the finished, painted and generally equipped house. This concern is that of Sanderson & Parker, who are builders, contractors, sawmill operators and planing-mill men.

They take the timber right from the stump and never stop with it until it appears in the finished, painted and generally equipped house. This concern is that of Sanderson & Parker, and the pleasure of like success in other lines.

Along this road from Cartersville to the county, most of the warchouses, barns and slos, and all kinds of residences and farmhouses and country stores. In



"DOGWOOD" FACTORY IN DENSE WOODS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

homes, and now, as I plainly saw, have the whole territory along the road blooming as a garden. This short ride showed as nothing else could something of the rapid progress Cumber-land County and all of old Virginia are making along agricultural lines. One country merchant told me that his purchases and sales of dynamite for stump-

chases and sales of dynamite for stumpclearing were something enormous. He
has sold to farmers in the Whiteville
region within the last three years over
three tons of dynamite to be used in
clearing stumps and subsoiling land.
The railroads touching the county
are the Chesapeake and Ohio on the
north, the Norfolk and Western on the
south border and the Tidewater and
Western (narrow guage), which cuts
right through the centre, and is ere
long to be a broad guage.

The interest in popular education has
grown enormously within the past four
years, since C. W. Dickonson, Jr., has
been county superintendent, as the
three splendid high school buildings
and the numerous two-room school
buildings will show, but the school
figures of the county and the buildlings are to form the subject for another letter, next week perhaps. In
fact, I have not finished with the Interesting county of Cumberland. I have
yet to tell of its interesting wealth, its
social and educational advantages, its
dormant water power and mineral resources and various and sundry other dormant water power and mineral re sources and various and sundry othe things.

AMERICAN "DRY" TERRITORY.

Uncle Sam's Folks Drink More Beer Than Kaiser Wilhelm's.
The Review of Reviews sums up the emperance and "dry" situation in this country as follows:

"It is generally thought that Ger-many drinks more beer than any other nation in the world. This is a mis-take. Germany comes second. The United States consumes 1,851,000,000 100,000,000 gallone more than Germany's consumption. Russia leads the world in its use of distilled liquors, addition they ship vast quantities of dressed lumber to the city markets in Virginia and to several large Northern markets. Their principal mills are just two miles north of Whiteville, and they have eight or ten smaller sawmills in various parts of the county.

Grain-Grinding Mills.

The description of the many's consumption. Russia leads the world in its use of distilled liquors, and the United States consumption of 133,009,000 states in first as a beer-drinking nation and second as a consumer of distilled liquors, and the United States consumption. Russia leads the world in its use of distilled liquors, and the United States consumption of 133,009,000 states are consumption. Russia leads the world in its use of distilled liquors, and the United States comes second, with its consumption of 133,009,000 states are cons

substitute for the dogwood for use in the cotton mills is the persimmon, and that not being so plentiful as the dog.

articular time very urgent. The enior member of the concern told me there was immense profit in the fin-ished shuttles, etc., and all of the Northern factories making them from the "blanks" shipped from little Virginia "primary grade" factories were

whole job right here in Virginia, and tation? sell to the cotton and woolen factories nishing Northern factories with the American naturalist, his head, and his only audible reply was, "Well, we haven't been doing it." finished product and to produce the tected birds, cream of the profits in dogwood, and The promit o cotton and woolen mills.

ginia. Richmond is within a stone's left alive, would consume such quanthrow, it may be said, of the growing raw material, and within two or three stone's throw of the ultimate conslightest degree.

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## Nature Lovers' Little Corner

When the Virginia farmer speaks of the owl he seldom has his voice keyed up to the complimentary tone that one should use in referring to such an active friend of the farm as these birds really are. All through their working hours, from sunset to sunrise, they are preying upon the farmer's enemies of field and barn.

Owls are exceedingly interesting birds, and in them there is much to admire. Nearly all are night-flyers, and by reason of their soft, fluffy plumage, which renders their flight noiseless, they are especially fitted to keep in check the grand army of de-structive rodents that roam abroad under cover of darkness. In Virginia we have chiefly the Barn Owl, Screech, the Long Eared, the Barred and the Great Horned Owl. In our section they are by no means as destructive to poultry and wild bird life as is sup-

posed by some people.

The Barn Owl, so partial to the roofs quills and slays used in the cotton and tirement and quiet of church belfries, woolen factories of the world are rarely molests birds-probably never, woolen factories of the world are made. When properly sawed out and dried the dogwood becomes almost as the world, wherever it is found, its hard and durable as steel. The only number an industrious pair will de stroy in a year is of material value to that neighborhood; and therefore this species deserves the most careful protection that man can give it.

"The awful storm-beaten the Screech Owl, coming as it does from the deep shades of night, is one hardened they are still the raw ma-terial, and as such the "blanks" are ever heard a Screech Owl, and he always knows whether he has or not shipped to Northern factories, and are there made into the finished shuttles, Even the poorest memory cannot fall quills, etc., and vast quantities of these back on that well-worn phrase, "If I are then shipped back to the South to have, I have forgotten it." In the be used in cotton mills. same locality, in the same season, will I was up in Cumberland County the be found Screech Owls that have "two distinct and widely diverse colors, red and gray." For this very odd velopment we are quite unable to ac-Brothers and Young at count; and such lawless color-varia these men opened up the tions are called "phases," possibly, as some one suggested, "because phase the naturalists who try to study out their whys and wherefores' Screech Owl's diet, given in order of preference, consists of mice, grasshoppers, locusts, cutworms, beetles, caterpillars, crickets, spiders, lizards, frogs, crawfish. English sparrows and almost any small bird, including song birds.

Now the question is, what shall be Naturally I asked: "Why in the name our attitude to this owl? Shall we be common sense don't you do the for encouragement, toleration or limit When you consider the par of the bill-of-fare through to the Eng of the South the finished shuttles and lish sparrows can you say extermina of the South the linished shuttles and use space of the South the linished shutter also the same of just fur-tion? "To me." says a prominen also not been factories with the American naturalist, "the Screece raw material, and letting them make Owls should be limited, for the benefit the larger profits?" He simply shook of the song birds; but I do not behis head, and his only audible reply lieve in extermination."

Of the Long Eared Owl, that brown I was never before particularly in-erested in the subject, but having United States, Dr. A. K. Fisher, after gotten that far into it I made dili- careful observation and examination gent inquiry, and so far as my inform-ants know, and so far as I know, there writing from Virginia, says, "It is both is not in all of the South, certainly cruel and pernicious to molest a bir-not in Virginia, a factory that makes so valuable and innocent as the onthe finished shuttles, quills, etc., from under consideration." The pretty Bar the dogwood, but there are numerous red Owl, often in captivity, has a ques little mills that turn out the "blanks," tionable record also, but on the whole ship them North to be made into the it should be kept on the list of pro-The prominent exception to these is

then as much as half of the finished the Great Horned Owl. He is the tiger product is shipped back South and sold of the air, and acknowledged to be. o cotton and woolen mills.

Now, coming down to the practical destructive bird to poultry. The unlesson in the case; why should there questionable heavy debit balance -not be here in Richmond a shuttle fac- against this bird justifies its destructory to make into the finished product tion. Nevertheless it does go against the vast quantities of dogwood being the grain to destroy a bird which kills cut from the forests of Southside Virso many rats, which in their turn, if

sumer of the shuttles and quills. There tence against any bird is to rememis no better location in the whole ber that "It is always dangerous, world for such an industry than Rich and often calamitous, to disturb vio-mond, and Mr. Woodward is my au- lently the balance of nature, either by has fallen heavily. This slump is a

find that I have not overstated the by destruction of mammal and insect nurses to discard the outdoor uniform facts or drawn on imagination in the pests. From sunset to sunrise they altogether, appearing in public only in F. S. W. prey upon animals which by remaining muftl.

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Proprietors of London shops that sell nurses' outfits are complaining that dangerous, the sale of nurses outdoor uniforms thority for the statement that there is nothing that pays a better profit than the dogwood shuttle, quill and bobbin business. Richmond business hustle and Richmond capital can well beneficial birds, inflicting little damafford to take time to investigate this age upon the producers of poultry, and spicion by doming nurses uniform interesting question. I think they will conferring vast benefits upon the farm and this fact has led thousands of